



AUSTIN EMS ASSOCIATION

FISCAL YEAR 21-22 REQUESTS

Thank you for the investments that were made in 2021 - 2022. Our Community Health Paramedic Responders have been first responders to hundreds of calls, reducing the need for police response on these calls. These CHPRs have also been able to appropriately provide those with mental health crises long term response as well. Furthermore, as we look toward an active summer, the additional units are essential to reach our response times.

FY 2021 - 2022 FUNDING REQUESTS:

- **Clinical Specialists***

\$1,800,000 for 40 FTES (to start in March)

These FTEs will serve as a buffer when we have pandemics and emergencies. Currently, we are filling holes in ambulances with burnt out overtime medics or just not staffing ambulances. This has caused accelerated retirements and increased separations, creating more need for medics to work overtime.

- **Additional Communication Commanders and Division Chiefs***

\$962,000 for 5 FTES

These leadership positions have been asked to supervise medics and also have other responsibilities including facilities management and Quality Control. The medics suffer when these leaders are spread thin.

- **Downtown Area Command and that will create an efficient way of handling the high call volume near 6th Street**

\$810,000 for 9 FTES

We know that this summer and the foreseeable future will be both more active and more violent than we have ever seen. We must have dedicated downtown units to assist with weekend call volume. Furthermore, we have specialized units that are able to reach victims of violence (stabbing / shootings) quicker than the average EMS unit.

- **Staffing for two central Austin Ambulances when their bays are renovated to be finished by July, 2021**

\$816,000 for 24 FTES

The renovations are occurring in a high call volume district. These stations are being renovated to include additional bays for additional ambulances.

- **Community Relations and Injury Prevention Investment***

\$232,000 for FTES and equipment

We need dedicated staff to work for our Explorers as well as injury prevention programs such as car seat checks and elderly fall prevention.

TOTAL: 4,620,000

***Denotes mirror request from Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services**